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THE PHILOSOPHY OF DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Two Significant Meetings in Louisiana—What the Southern Education Board is Doing to Stimulate Negro Progress and Elevate the Standard of Teaching.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 31, 1902.—Two important meetings in the interest of colored education in the state of Louisiana were held in New Orleans to-day under the auspices of the Southern Education Board, of which Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York, is the president. The first of these meetings was a conference of leading Louisiana teachers, held in the afternoon in the chapel of Straight University, the second was an enormous mass meeting of people of both races held at night in Washington

Artillery Hall, on Charles street, addressed by President E. A. Alderman, of Tulane University, and Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee Institute. Hon. E. B. Kruttschnitt, president of the New Orleans Board of Education, presided at this meeting and introduced the speakers.

The arrangements for these meetings were made by a committee composed of Rev. Dr. George W. Henderson, pastor of Straight University, Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and Rev. D. A. Graham; and these gentlemen deserve great credit for the remarkable and gratifying success of the meetings.

Dr. Henderson presided at the conference in the afternoon, and introduced Dr. Washington to conduct the inquiries and direct the line of investigation which it was desired to take up. Dr. Washington began by briefly reviewing the formation of the Southern Education Board, whose object he said was to get hold of facts and stimulate interest in public school education in the South, regardless of race or color. Louisiana, he said, according to statistics stood at the head

of matters pertaining to education—if you begin at the bottom. His own state of Alabama was not far behind. The speaker said that the Negroes were not to feel that they were being put aside because this Board and the General Education Society proposed to help both races. There could be no intelligent black man but would realize that he and his race were being helped when the people of the white race, too, are being educated. He believed that the Board was doing some very far-seeing work, work the effects for good it might take years to plainly show.

Dr. Washington then went on to say that the object of the Conference was to obtain as much information as possible from those present in regard to the public schools of the state, preference being given to the country schools, because in general they were not so well taken care of as the city and town

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DR. DANIEL H. WILLIAMS,

Founder of Provident Hospital, Chicago, Ill.—His Skill as a Surgeon the Wonder of the Medical World.

schools. He then proceeded to call on various teachers present to give information from the parts of the state from which they came on such points as: Number and condition of schoolhouses? Length of term? Character and pay of teachers?

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